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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions,
5 and listings, of claims in the application;

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended): An apparatus comprising:
- 10 a transportable programmable information tag
uniquely encoded for association with an individual purchaser
of goods and/or services;
- a communication unit capable of communicating
information to one or more information interfaces;
- 15 a purchaser's controller, coupled to the
programmable information tag and the communication unit,
arranged to receive information from the information
interfaces through the communication unit, ~~and program said~~
purchaser's controller being configured for programming the
20 programmable information tag with at least part of the
information from the information interface, interface, for
confirming the purchaser has paid for and is entitled to
receive from an associated merchant the goods and/or services;
and
- 25 a merchant's tag reader for ~~reading~~ permitting a
merchant to read said tag to obtain information ~~therefrom,~~
therefrom, for confirming or authorizing the merchant to
deliver the indicated goods and/or services to the associated
purchaser.
- 30 ~~wherein the programmed information relates to goods~~
~~or services to be provided by a merchant or service provider~~

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~~to the individual purchaser uniquely associated with said
programmable information tag, whereby said individual
purchaser thereafter uses the programmed information tag to
obtain delivery of the goods or services.~~

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2. (original): The apparatus according to Claim 1,
wherein the apparatus and the information interface
communicate in a client/server network.

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3. (original): The apparatus according to Claim 1,
wherein the programmable information tag comprises an RFID
tag.

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4. (original): The apparatus according to Claim 1,
wherein the programmable information tag comprises a barcode
tag.

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5. (original): The apparatus according to Claim 1,
wherein the programmable information tag is detachable from
the apparatus.

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6. (original): The apparatus according to Claim 1,
wherein the information comprises a receipt for goods or
service purchased via an e-commerce transaction.

7. (original): The apparatus according to Claim 2,
wherein the client/server network comprises the Internet.

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8. (original): The apparatus according to Claim 1,
wherein the programmed information further includes
information related to a particular user.

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9. (currently amended): An e-commerce method, for
permitting a consumer to directly receive from a merchant the
delivery of goods and/or services transacted for previously,
comprising the steps of:

- 5 receiving a request to complete a commercial
transaction for goods or services over the Internet by a
consumer;
- completing the commercial transaction with the
consumer;
- 10 providing an e-receipt to the consumer, the e-
receipt containing information that may be used by the
consumer to program an RFID tag to ~~prove a transaction for~~
~~obtaining the delivery of goods or services;~~ tag;
- programming conducted by the consumer to program the
15 RFID tag with information from said e-receipt to verify the
consumer completed a transaction entitling the consumer to
obtain the delivery of goods and/or services from a merchant;
- ~~using~~ presenting the programmed RFID tag to permit
~~the consumer to receive the goods or services; and~~ a merchant
20 capable of delivering the goods and/or services to the
consumer;
- reading via a tag reader of the merchant the
information from the RFID, for permitting said merchant to
confirm the consumer is entitled to receive the goods and/or
25 services, before delivering the same; and
- recording information related to the commercial
transaction and the e-receipt.

10. (original): The e-commerce method according to
30 Claim 9, wherein the information includes a unique code.

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11. (original): The e-commerce method according to Claim 9, wherein the information includes data related to the consumer's identity.

5 12. (original): The e-commerce method according to Claim 9, further comprising creating a database that includes information that is used to verify what goods or services are associated with the e-receipt.

10 13. (original): The e-commerce method according to Claim 12, wherein the database further includes consumer profiles.

14. (currently amended): A system for performing e-commerce transactions, comprising:

15 means for receiving a request to complete a commercial transaction for goods or services over the Internet by a consumer;

means for completing the commercial transaction with the consumer;

means for providing an e-receipt to the consumer, the e-receipt containing information that may be used by the consumer to program an RFID tag to prove a transaction for the right to receive the goods ~~ex~~ and/or services;

25 a purchaser's controller operable by said consumer in response to said e-receipt, for programming said RFID card with said proof of transaction;

~~means for using the programmed RFID tag to permit the consumer to receive the goods or services; and~~

30 a provider's card reader for permitting said provider to read said programmed information from said RFID card for permitting said provider upon confirmation of the

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transaction to deliver the goods and/or services to the
consumer; and

means for recording information related to the
commercial transaction and the e-receipt.

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15. (original): The system according to Claim 14,
wherein the information includes a unique code.

16. (original): The system according to Claim 14,
10 wherein the information includes data related to the
consumer's identity.

17. (currently amended): The system according to Claim
~~9~~, 14, further comprising means for creating a database that
15 includes information that is used to verify what goods or
services are associated with the e-receipt.

18. (original): The system according to Claim 17,
wherein the database further includes consumer profiles.